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DRAFT REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS ON ITS IN-SESSIONAL MEETING HELD DURING THE FORTIETH SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, 1-18 JUNE 1993

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Addendum

CHAPTER VI. EVALUATION

DRAFT DECISION

Evaluation

The Governing Council,

Recalling its decision 92/24 of 26 May 1992 on evaluation,

Also recalling General Assembly resolution 47/199 of 22 December 1992 on the triennial policy review of the operational activities of the United Nations development system and, in particular, paragraph 32 relating to evaluation and monitoring, with its emphasis on output, impact and performance orientation,

Noting the need for the United Nations Development Programme to continue to seek, in cooperation with Governments and United Nations specialized agencies, high levels of efficiency and effectiveness in its activities in national capacity-building and in the delivery of its programmes and projects, through, inter alia, adequate monitoring, reporting and feedback mechanisms,

Also noting the role of the United Nations Development Programme in the coordination of United Nations system evaluation issues through its chairmanship of the Inter-Agency Working Group on Evaluation,

1. Notes with appreciation the report of the Administrator on evaluation (DP/1993/26), the continuing work of the United Nations Development Programme in the area of evaluation and also takes note of the impending issuance of revised and strengthened guidelines for country programme evaluations;

2. Requests the Administrator to include, as a biennial element in his annual report on evaluation to the Governing Council, a statistical and qualitative analysis of evaluation reports, containing, inter alia, a disaggregated analysis indicating the degree and rate of success or failure in programmes and activities by specific sectors, themes, geographic regions and executing agency provided that the volume of data is sufficient to validate the analysis;

3. Requests the Administrator to report in 1994 on the ongoing study referred to in paragraph 34 of document DP/1993/26 and to include in that report actions and proposals aimed at a strategic approach on feedback throughout the United Nations Development Programme, including at the field level;

4. Requests the Administrator to seek to undertake more joint evaluations, where appropriate, with other United Nations organizations and with Member States, in order to encourage the promotion of common evaluation principles and practices;

5. Urges the Administrator, through, inter alia, the Joint Consultative Group on Policy and the Inter-Agency Working Group on Evaluation and the participation of the United Nations Development Programme in the Consultative Committee for Programme and Operational Questions to continue to support coordinated action towards a common system of reporting the degree and rate of success or failure in the achievement of programme and project objectives;

6. Requests that a list of evaluations, when completed, be distributed to members and observers of the Governing Council.